

ELEVATED TO THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE



DR. H. N. MAYO.

JUDGE C. W. MORSE.

Last Friday there were elevated at the biennial consistory of the supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons in Washington two Utah members of the order to the highest rank in the organization—the thirty-third degree. These two are Judge C. W. Morse and Dr. H. N. Mayo, both of Salt Lake City. Judge Morse is a member of the district judicial bench, and Dr. Mayo is a well-known surgeon.

CREDIT FOR NEW WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BELONGS TO R. P. MORRIS

The "American" party has taken the credit for the building of the new intercepting sewer, the new water supply mains, the extension of the gravity sewer and the Big Cottonwood conduit, besides acquiring all the water rights in Big Cottonwood creek necessary to make the conduit possible.

Statistics obtained from L. C. Kelsey, city engineer, and an "American" party supporter, show on their face and beyond any doubt that the administration of Richard P. Morris was responsible for all these improvements, and that through Mayor Morris the most important water rights were secured.

On Jan. 3, 1905, a special election was held in Salt Lake for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing \$1,000,000 in water and sewer bonds. The proposition was placed before the people by Mayor Morris, and it was through his efforts that the bond issue was approved by the people.

Immediately thereafter steps were taken to secure water rights in Big Cottonwood canyon in order to enable the building of the proposed conduit. A settlement was soon made with the owners of the principal rights for \$41,000, and plans were made for the conduit and the contract let to P. J. Moran. The work was completed under the present administration at a total cost of \$420,000, of which \$75,000 was paid as a gratuity for plastering the interior of the conduit.

The intercepting sewer contract was also let in the fall of 1905, as was the contract for the extension of the gravity sewer from State and Fifth South streets to Fourth East and Ninth South streets. The total cost of this work will be about \$350,000, including the cost

of the pumping station, for which the present administration alone has to let the contract.

Conceived Canal Plan.

In addition to all this Mayor Morris conceived the scheme of having the city purchase one-fifth of the stock of the Jordan Canal & Irrigation company to \$40,000. This led to the building of the Jordan & Salt Lake canal, which conveys water from Utah lake and delivers it to the farmers who surround their water rights to the city in Big Cottonwood. This property is a constant asset to the city, and the policy inaugurated by Mayor Morris of giving Utah lake water in return for water from the creek still continues and has proved of inestimable advantage to the city.

The only water rights secured by the present administration were the so-called Knudsen rights, which were recently purchased for \$30,000.

Mayor Morris also expended \$31,000 of the bond fund in building a substantial conduit for the Jordan & Salt Lake canal through the city. The work was done by Hanley & Ritchie. Besides securing the Knudsen water rights, the present administration only let one contract for improvements provided for by the bond issue, and that was the new water supply main, which is not yet completed and will cost \$250,000. P. J. Moran has the work. This main could not have been built by Mayor Morris, as it would have been of no use until the conduit was completed. It was, however, included in the general scheme of improvements which he inaugurated and was planned by him. This new main runs on Fifth South street to Mr. Olive's cemetery, where it connects with the pipe line from Parley's canyon reservoir, which is supplied by the conduit. It runs through the heart of the city, will furnish water enough for all time for the business district, and will always be a monument to the genius of Richard P. Morris.

Credit Belongs to Morris.

From this review it will clearly be seen that the "American" administration has had absolutely nothing to do with the extension of the water or sewer systems of Salt Lake, as it claims, and that whatever credit it arrogates to itself for this work is deliberately stolen from Richard P. Morris. Most of the work has been done during the past two years, and some of it is still uncompleted, but it was all planned, financial provision for it made, and with the exception of one unavoidable instance, all the contracts let during the administration of Richard P. Morris.

The engineer's estimate of the cost of the various undertakings shows that when all the improvements are made the bond fund will have been overdrawn \$100,000. This, however, would not have occurred if the plans of Mayor Morris had been carried out and if the council had not made a gift of \$75,000 to P. J. Moran for plastering the conduit. It is safe to say that had Morris been in office during the past two years there would be a balance, instead of an overdraft, in this bond fund on Jan. 1, 1908. How this \$100,000 overdraft is to be met is one of the problems in the contingent or general expense funds and will leave a large deficit.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

Schwick Found Guilty of Killing John R. Davey.

(Special to The Herald.)

Goldfield, Nev., Oct. 26.—The jury in the Schwick case brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree at midnight, for the killing of John R. Davey at Columbia June 20. Judge Langan will sentence Schwick Monday at 10 o'clock, at which time his attorney will file a motion for a new trial. Davey was formerly a resident of Salt Lake. He was killed during a quarrel between Schwick and James Bushner, in which he attempted the role of peacemaker.

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Western Terminal of the Union Pacific Road to Be at Ogden Instead of Green River.

(Special to The Herald.)

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 26.—Ogden, instead of Green River, will be the western terminal of the Union Pacific, and the section between Green River and Ogden which has been operated for several years by the Oregon Short Line is to be placed under the control of the Union Pacific, to which the road belongs. A circular announcing the change is expected at any time, and it is probable the new arrangement will become effective Nov. 10, when there will be an important change in the time schedule, involving a speeding up of some of the fast trains. While no official reason is given for returning the division to the Union Pacific management, it is understood that there has been a certain amount of friction between the two companies in the exchange and forwarding of freight, and that it is hoped that relief may be found for the serious congestion of traffic which exists at present by making Ogden the point of transfer.

JAPAN HAS NOT PROTESTED

Secretary Root Answers Question Regarding Trip of Atlantic Fleet to the Pacific.

Washington, Oct. 26.—"No such relation exists between America and Japan as would make it improper to send the American fleet into the Pacific. If there were, the relations between America and Great Britain, and France, which are the same, would forbid the maintenance of the battleship fleet in the Atlantic ocean."

This was the reply returned by Secretary Root to a question as to whether Japan had entered any protest against the dispatch of Admiral Evans' fleet to the Pacific next December. The statement was made at the conclusion of a long conference between Secretary Root and Ambassador Aoki of Japan at the state department today.

Secretary Root was particularly desirous to have it understood that the relations between the two countries—America and Japan—were not only at present harmonious, but that they had not been otherwise, and that there had not been the slightest friction between the governments of the two countries. It was stated at the conclusion of this conference that the government of Japan was co-operating to the best of its ability with our own government to secure the proper enforcement of the immigration laws of America, so far as they relate to the treatment of Japanese with without passports. No attempt was made to open negotiations for a new treaty between America and Japan to prohibit the emigration from Japan to America of coolie labor and to sanction the passage of exclusion laws by the United States. Although the status of Japanese in the United States was discussed, it was simply in the light of the application of the existing rules and laws, and in connection with any proposed treaty changes.

Read the rare program in Sunday's paper to be presented by Mme. Macconda, soprano, and the Orpheus club at the First Methodist church Monday evening, Oct. 28. Tickets for sale at Beesley's music store, 46 Main street. Doors open at 7:45. Recital begins at 8:30.

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